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W. B. Carr, Notary Public, City of St. Louis, Mo. My term expires April 28, 1901.

STATE HOSPITAL.
Health Commissioner Starkloff in asking the Legislature to establish a State Hospital points out the conditions which call for such an institution.

It is common knowledge that St. Louis contributes a greater proportion of revenue to the State than it should under equitable taxation.

Insufficient revenues have curtailed the construction of new buildings for the city institutions.

Yet, with all these drawbacks, St. Louis, as Doctor Starkloff shows, has received day after day indigent sick from the different parts of Missouri and cared for them as best it could.

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our schools; from the kindergarten through the university.
This general endorsement of the Manual Training School is significant. Time was when business men alone stood sponsor for the practical school.

FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT.
Recognition of the fact that the nomination of Mr. Wells for the Mayorality will bring to the support of the Democratic ticket that same independent vote which resulted in Democratic victory last November is the factor which is now causing the local organization to harmonize on the basis of victory for good government.

There should be no Democrat in St. Louis who does not rejoice at this development in the local political situation. The suggestion of Mr. Wells' name for the Mayorality was made in all earnestness by men who desired the welfare of the community and of the Democratic party alike.

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who live off the begging abilities of their offspring. Deceit and fraud are the stock in trade of the children, who inevitably grow up vagabonds and criminals.
Under the present law, these children cannot be rescued except through the Probate Court, where a guardian is forced to give bond. Individuals are slow to take this action. The Probate Association cannot do so under the law. No organization for the protection of these children is possible under existing statutes.

Some law should be passed at this session of the Legislature to cover the case. The child beggar is too common in St. Louis, and until the statutes are amended there is no hope for a betterment of conditions.

INDORSING THE "LOOT."
Every chance which the Republican members of the Legislature have to show their true colors only adds confirmation to the suspicion with which thinking voters listened to their speeches last fall.

It has remained for the Republicans to publicly repudiate by their actions the pharisaical talk they made concerning the "looting of the School Fund" during the last campaign. It was not during the range of possibilities that when it came time for the Legislature to vote the interest on the certificate bonds that make up the fund of the State the Republican minority would enter a protest by refusing to sanction such an "unlawful act."

But the Republican minority did not do that. Every member, with the single exception of Ruler of St. Louis, voted in favor of the appropriation setting aside the interest for this fund. They seemingly did it without a qualm of conscience, for when Mr. Ruler entered his solitary protest, he was careful to explain that he did so to keep a consistent record. Honor to Mr. Ruler, even in his darkness.

This action of the Republican minority ought to forever close the mouths of Republicans relative to the "looting" of the School Fund. Missouri voters see exactly what the Republicans really think of the certificate bonds—that they are as good as an obligation on the State as a State Bond.

It will now be in order for Chairman Atkins of the Republican State Committee to deny that he started the rumor relating to Mr. Keres's removal to Virginia. On the other hand, he will not deny that he is willing for Mr. Keres to go to Virginia—or any old place outside of Missouri politics.

There is one consolation about the appointment of two Missouri Republicans to places in the Indian Territory. The two men, Bell and Toel, had charge of the Republican spellbinders in the last campaign. No wonder they were sent out of the State.

It is noticeable that the best element in St. Louis Democracy is gathering around the man who stands for good government. Democracy and good government will be synonymous terms in the spring election.

New York juries give nothing if not interesting verdicts. One jury, after declaring that Murray Hall's death was a natural one, added the highly gratifying information that she "was a lady." But was she high born?

If Mr. Selbert demonstrates his willingness to close the wineries and his ability to keep them closed, he'll be a good enough Excise Commissioner for any reasonable citizen of St. Louis.

Councilmen will consider the Suburban franchise bill Friday. It is for them to remember that they are public servants—not agents of a private corporation.

Texas cotton dealers can stand any high flights which cotton may make. Texans are used to things going high since their oil wells have set the mark.

St. Louis clergymen now unite in a plan of action for good government. They should try to convert the Globe-Democrat to their way of thinking.

City of Chicago Improvement bonds are selling at 60 to 70 cents on the dollar. If Ziegenhain could have his way, St. Louis would be in the same sad fix.

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FOUR BOXER LEADERS CANAL CASE MAY BE TO BE DECAPITATED. TRIED BY A JURY.

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THOMAS HENNING. The new second vice president of the Jefferson Club, who by virtue of his office becomes chairman of the club's Campaign Committee.

TWO NEW PERFORMERS AT THE APOLLO CONCERT.

The weather would not dampen the spirits of the bland Mr. Buse, the unfringed Robyn or any other of the Apollo concerters at the Apollo last night.

The second of the season's concerts by this admirable organization developed much that was interesting and entertaining, not only in the work of the club, but in the presentations by two importations—one from Russia, a certain Mr. Gabriellowitch, and Miss Helen Dodd and Rosa Gleason.

The Gabriellowitch, who is in the rear tier, was last night occupied by Mrs. Walter Gilliam, Mrs. Jordan Lambert, Mrs. C. E. Fallett, Miss Ruth Gilliam and Mr. Lambert. Mr. Gilliam joined the others whenever his Apollo duties would permit.

Miss Ella Lemp and Edwin Lemp were in the Lemp box. Mrs. William S. Lemp, Jr., of the Chicago box, was also present. The Holmes box, always gay and colorful, was exceptionally so last evening.

Miss Morton, Miss Mabel Holmes, Mrs. Edward Gould, Taylor Slicker, Carl Langenberg and Edward Gould formed the party.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Wallace, F. T. Jamerson and J. W. Lewis were in the Wallace box.

S. M. Dodd's guests were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Richards, Miss Grace Dodd, Miss Helen Dodd and Rosa Gleason.